

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Holland Iowa 50642
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Docket No: A2012-66

Gary W. Stoehr Jr., Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Holland post office. The Final Determination was posted 11/14/2011.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

See attached paper

NOTICE OF APPEAL

December 14, 2011

U.S. Postal Service District Manager

Dear Madam or Sir

I have been informed that you are closing the Holland Post Office in Holland Iowa by November 6, 2011. We have received the final determination to close the Holland, IA Post Office Docket number 1367189-50642. I am writing you to appeal your decision to close the Holland, IA Post Office. As I'm sure you are aware under section 404 of Title 39 of the United States Code requires the Postal Service to give the person served by the Office at least 60 days prior notice the proposed date of such closing or consolidation, to ensure customers have an opportunity to present their views which we have had, but are questioning the numbers that were presented to us in the final determination to close our Office.

In your closing letter you showed costs of a Postmaster salary of \$33,168 per year plus Fringe Benefits of \$11,111 per year and a annual lease costs of \$3600 per year for a total of \$47,879 per year. The cost of a replacement service you stated was \$11,354 for a savings of \$36,525 per year not including the \$5166 to move the facility.

Listed are my reasons for appeal:

- 1) You based a salary of the prior Postmaster who retired on June 30, 2010.
- 2) For the last 16 months we have a postal person that covers our Office at a pay grade much less than a Postmaster's salary with no Fringe Benefits, currently only 2 hours per day. I don't know what her pay grade is or her wage but even at \$15 per hour the total wage for our Office at \$150 per week or \$7800 per year plus rental \$3600 for a total of \$11,400 per year verses your projected costs of \$11,354.

Those numbers are not enough to satisfy me that the decision you have made to close our Office is valid and cost effective. Answer me these questions.

- 1) Does your projected cost of \$11,354 include snow removal and maintenance for a cluster, and how did you come up with this projected cost, what is the formula?
- 2) Can the City of Holland put it in one of our buildings such as City Hall? What are the restrictions? This would eliminate the \$3600 annual lease cost plus utilities.
- 3) Is \$11,354 per year the maximum allowable for our Office / Cluster?

As the City Clerk of Holland I really don't see any economic savings at our current status of operations with the information that we have been presented, therefore appeal you decision to close our Office

Sincerely,
Gary Stoehr Jr.
City Clerk

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